

Ellingham Community Trust

Minutes: 14th January 2021, 7pm

Present: David Milne (in the Chair), George Unwin, Robert Stuart, Judy Glover, David Metcalfe, Louis Fell.

Apologies for Absence: None.

1. Approval of Minutes:

Draft minutes of 10th December 2020 were approved, proposed by Judy Glover and seconded by Robert Stuart.

2. Actions not dealt with under this agenda. None.

3. Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer's Reports

Louis Fell delivered the Treasurer's report.

Income included £1,365 from the Windfarm, and £600 for payments for the Solid Fuel Scheme.

Expenditure included £8 payment for printing related to the Community Consultation, £500 for Solid Fuel Scheme cash payments, and £500 for Domestic Appliance Scheme.

4. Applications

a. Update : Ellingham Village Hall & St Maurice's Church.

David Milne reported being contacted by Neil Mundy in relation to the St Maurice's Church Project. St Maurice's Church have appointed a contractor for the heating system element of the project and wanted to verify the spend profile of the grant to schedule the works. The Trustees approved the spend profile and confirmed the provision of St Maurice's Church with £20,000 in the 2020-21 financial year. This was confirmed by the Trustees as funds are available.

David Milne noted that the Ellingham Village Hall Committee had applied for a loan from Northumberland County Council's Public Works; the details of this are as yet unknown. The Trustees noted that they had agreed to funding Ellingham Village Hall with £13,000 for each year for 11 years and one payment of £7,000 in the 12th year. The Trustees, through David Milne, asked the Ellingham Village Hall Committee to guarantee that Trust will not be liable for any costs if the Windfarm went bust, or should a contractor fail. David Milne noted that Ellingham Village Hall are awaiting of funding from The National Lottery.

5. Update on Active Schemes

a. Domestic Appliance Scheme (DAS)

George Unwin noted that two applications were received since the last meeting. The scheme continues to be popular.

b. Solid Fuel Scheme

Following concerns regarding the applications from Maxwell Drive and Carnaby Drive. The Trustees discussed a draft letter to the new residents, welcoming them and informing them regarding the Solid Fuel Scheme.

ACTION : Clerk to send out letter to all applicants from Maxwell Drive and Carnaby Drive.

Louis Fell noted that all but one of the extra fuel payments had been made.

ACTION : Clerk to chase missing payee.

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The Clerk noted information about Northumberland Log Bank.

ACTION : Clerk to put a note in the Parish Magazine regarding Northumberland Log Bank.

c. Personal Development Scheme

No applications received since the last meeting.

6. Chathill Interactive Lights

George Unwin updated the Trustees with the current status of the repair of the Interactive Lights. It was noted that Swarco have been extremely supportive and are keen to ensure that the light is repaired as soon as possible.

ACTION : George Unwin to provide a report for the next meeting.

The Trustees thanked George Unwin and the electrician David Stephenson for their continued hard work.

7. AGM

AGM scheduled for the next meeting. Trustees confirmed that AGM by Zoom was the best way forward.

ACTION : Louis to create a Zoom meeting for the AGM.

ACTION : Clerk to put a note into the Parish Magazine advertising the AGM with the Zoom details.

ACTION : Clerk to advertise the AGM with the Zoom details on the website.

8. Any of Competent Business

Clerk noted that an advert had been placed in the December Parish Magazine regarding the AGM on 11th February 2021.

The Clerk noted receipt of an email from an applicant requesting extra funds from the Financial Assistance Scheme. The Trustees confirmed that the scheme had been closed and directed the applicant to the various Government schemes available.

ACTION : Clerk to respond to the applicant.

9. Dates of the Next Meetings

Dates of next meetings: 11th February & AGM, 11th March, 8th April, 13th May, 10th June, 8th July, 12th August, 9th September, 14th October, 11th November, 9th December.

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